

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 5, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING: Philpot Annexation 1531 N Spencer – Mayor Pavey asked for questions or concerns from the public. There were none. Smith moved to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Conner moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The marquee at City Center has been installed.
2. We met Friday with PSI to wrap up loose ends at City Center.
3. We are targeting the opening of the theater prior to black Friday.
4. Our move in date is between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Pavey said he will probably be the last to move in.
5. Halloween was rescheduled due to rain. This seemed to go well.
6. Will be leaving this Friday for Japan. I will return the following Friday.
7. Christmas on Main is coming soon.
8. Did a video with Mayor Snow for the Regional Stellar. The live presentation will be on November 16 at the State office building.
9. We had the CSX meeting. Something was sent to the paper today regarding the number to call to report blockages. The number is an **877 not 800**. Pavey said he was surprised that there is no tracking of phone calls for the emergency number. There will be an article in Friday's paper telling the public what they need to do. Thanks to Dave Sheehan for a wealth of information. Will be anxious to see data in 3-6 months.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT – Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that the State Board of Accounts is currently auditing 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Smith asked Councilman Berkemeier if he had anything else to add regarding the meeting with CSX. Berkemeier said he will put together his notes and send them to Council for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We are working on the Overlook to tighten up the project. The Board of Works voted to break up the contract for design and management.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Councilman Cameron said they are wrapping up the 2019 schedule.
- **Marketing** – We met today with a gentleman and had initial conversations regarding a proposal.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – Discussed under Mayor's report.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Pavey was in court Friday regarding the Lila Meyer emanate domain. We are waiting to hear from Judge Northam and Judge Hughes. We will meet Wednesday with INDOT.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Commissioner Miller asked permission to purchase a 2011 Chevrolet Truck to replace his 2002 vehicle. The cost of the truck is \$17,000.00 and will be purchased from Hubler and paid from Sanitation non-reverting. Smith made a motion to approve the truck purchase as requested. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police – Chief Tucker said we always close the street for Christmas on Main. This year they have requested longer hours. Instead of closing the street at 6:00 p.m. it will be closed at 5:00. We may extend the closing an hour later also.

Street – The Street Department is making repairs to the corner by St. Paul Church. They will be increasing the radii so semis don't run over the curb.

Animal – Warden Cottrell passed out her report for October showing a total intake of 71 animals. She also reviewed the city vs. county which shows a running total since June 1, 2018 of 204 city cats and dogs vs. 153 county cats and dogs.

She said they will be receiving medication so they can begin doing their own euthanizations. This will save thousands each year. They hope to offer this service to the public in the future.

They are looking for unique ways to get donations.

Park – Park Director Burklow gave an update on the CJD Park. He said R.L. Coon is continuing earth work. The north mound is ready for planting. We will do a dormant seeding. We are waiting on one larger mound that will be the focal point. We have ordered 21 tulip poplar trees. The landscaping is done for the sign on Fort Wayne Road.

Fire – Chief Jenkins invited everyone to their annual chili supper this Friday from 4-7.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Betty Wood said she and her husband live on the west side of Spencer Street and are interested in watching to see what is going on north of the church with the annexation. They live 2 houses south of the church. She said they are finding it interesting to watch something this close to home.

Planning & Zoning – Carman Clark informed Council that the APC has given a favorable recommendation to Justright to change their outside siding. Bridges moved to approve the APC's recommendation. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **North Spencer Street Gerrian – 1521 N Spencer – 70-07-31-101-005.000-010** - Pavey said we will remove this item for the time being.
2. **Historic Commission and Preservation Ordinance –**
 - a. **Ordinance 2018-32 –**
 - b. **Rushville Zoning Historic Overlay 2018 Map** – Pavey asked Council to review the map to see if these are the desired boundaries.
 - c. **Permitting Requirement –**
3. **Sugar Hill Drainage Easement Letter** – The letter went out to 4 homeowners. We have heard back from one.
4. **Approval Notice to Bidders – City/Fire Farm** – Pavey asked if this was acceptable with Council. Cameron made a motion to approve to move forward with the notice. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Ambulance Lease/Purchase Agreement** – Chief Jenkins said he should have the paper work completed by the end of the week.

6. **Ambulance Cot Lease/Purchase Agreement (Power Lift)** –Chief Jenkins said the price of the power lift has increased by 40%. He has asked for a quote for 1 power and 1 manual cot.
7. **Smith Voluntary Annexation Request West 11th Street** – We will have a public hearing on November 20th.
8. **Philpot Annexation Ordinance 2018-05 1531 N Spencer** – To be approved at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2018-34 Amend 2018 EMS Salaries** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-34 amending the 2018 EMS salaries. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UPCOMING BUSINESS: Theses are items that will be coming up:

1. **Ordinance 2018-35 Amend 2019 Salary Ordinance (EMS)**
2. **Utility Packet:** Conservations from landlord meeting.
 - a. **Personnel Policy Handbook – President’s Day vs. Birthday**
 - b. **Resolution/Ordinance 2018-1 Amend 52.17** – Change regarding a re-hook up fee.
 - c. **Meter Locations vs. Construction Specifications** – Specification drawings.
 - d. **Meter Pit Construction Specification Requirements** – Where and how we hook up multi-units.

CLAIMS AND SEPTEMBER BANK REC: Smith moved to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Smith moved to approve the September bank rec as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Reminder to go vote.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.